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HARTFORD, Conn., - Brig. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces that 40 soldiers from Company G, 126th Aviation of Windsor Locks are mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A formal send-off ceremony will be held on Friday, June 17, 2005, at the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) in Windsor Locks at 9:00 a.m.

Governor M. Jodi Rell will be on hand for the send-off ceremony for the members and their families of Company G, 126th Aviation.

Following the ceremony the 40 soldiers will depart via bus to their mobilization station at **Ft. Dix, NJ**, where they will undergo further training and validation prior to arriving overseas.

Company G, 126th Aviation is commanded by Maj. Tim Seery of Wethersfield. The 126th Aviation is comprised of units from Puerto Rico, Maine and Connecticut.

Company G, 126th Aviation was formed in 2002. Its mission is to provide Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM) and logistical support to a UH-60 Blackhawk Battalion.

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Currently, the 242nd Engineer Battalion of Stratford remains on alert for possible mobilization to Southwest Asia.

The Connecticut Army National Guard has more than 250 soldiers deployed in Iraq and Kuwait. The units currently in Southwest Asia are the 143rd Area Support Group (ASG) of Newington, the 208th Personnel Service Detachment of Niantic, the 141st Medical Company of New Britain and Companies B & D 1/189th Aviation Battalion of Windsor Locks.

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